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MINUTES OF THE CHARGE CONFERENCE,

2004

the Charge Conference for the Mount Lebanon/Kinard
Greenwood

District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held

Charge of the

Wednesday, September 14, 2004 at Kinard United Methodist Church

Presided by Reverend J. Taylor Campbell, District Superintendent

Devotional service was conducted by Reverend J. Taylor Campbell, District Superintendent

The following members were present (see attached sheet)

I. Reports (need not be read, highlights may be given)

Report of Church Council/Council on Ministries

Report of the Pastor

Report of other clergy

Report of Trustees

Report of the Committee on Lay Leadership

Other Reports (oral or written) - UMM, UMW, UMYF, etc.

II. What are your charge's cross racial experiences (pulpit exchanges, choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogue, etc.)?

Participation with the greater Ninety Six community of churches in offering joint worship services for Thanksgiving.

Easter and Baccalaureate events. Every effort is made to include all persons in the Ninety Six community in these services -

as leaders in various aspects of the services as well as active participants in the mass congregation.

III. Pastoral Support (attach signed form)

IV. Personnel

1. Who are recommended by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee:

(a) as candidates for the ordained ministry (§§246.8, 306.3b)

Name

Address

Telephone

No one

(b) for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (§§246.9, 307)

Name

Address

Telephone

No one

2. List the names of the persons this church has given to the United Methodist Ministry?

Name

Address

Telephone

No one

1. Who are recommended as certified lay speakers (99246, 11, 266 269)?

Name

Address

Telephone

New:

No one

2004

Recertified:

Mr. Robert Hawkins

111 Marshall Circle; Greenwood, SC 29646

227-3463

Mr. Denny Burroughs

916 Enoree Church Road; Ninety Six, SC 29666

543-9925

Mrs. JoAnn Burroughs

916 Enoree Church Road; Ninety Six, SC 29666

543-3325

4. Who are recommended as local church lay speakers?

Name

Address

Telephone

New:

Mrs. Tara B. Harris

74 Findley Drive; Greenwood, SC 29646

223-8706

Recertified:

V. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2003 What do you expect to pay in 2004 ?
If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?
Kinard 100%; Mount Lebanon 86.26% We hope to continue to pay 100% at Kinard, and to continue the increase toward 100% at Mount Lebanon. We increased from 53% in 2002 to 86% in 2003.

Person(s) in each church to be bonded (name, address, telephone):

Mr. Larry McKellar 124 Valley Road; Greenwood, SC 29646 229-4310 Mrs. Claire Chandler 1511 Ninety Six Hwy; Ninety Six, SC 29666 227-3221 Mr. Jim Anderson 2020 Ninety Six Hwy; Ninety Six, SC 29666 227-6316 Mr. Denny Burroughs 916 Enoree Church Rd; Ninety Six, SC 29666 543-3325 Mrs. Ann Briggs 5902 Kinard Rd; Ninety Six, SC 29666 543-3605

Has a 2003 Audit been conducted and report submitted to District Office? Yes

J. Taylor Campbell

Presiding Elder

Ann P. Briggs

Secretary

MOUNT LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
STATE OF THE CHURCH REPORT
2004

Mount Lebanon UMC has suffered several losses this year due to deaths among our membership. Unfortunately, this will continue to present a challenge to us as we strive to be the Church located between Ninety Six and Greenwood. This congregation is aging, with the majority of members over age 75. We have seen several members face declining health over the past year that prevents them from attending any services or activities at the church. The list of shut-ins continues to grow, creating an ever-increasing need for visitation and ministry to this growing population. We continue to offer the Home Touch ministry to them, providing them with devotional material and bulletins to make them feel more connected to the congregation. Because of the faithfulness of our volunteer in the sound room, we are able to make a cassette tape of each service available to our shut-ins.

There continues to be a need for visitation and invitation to unchurched people around Mount Lebanon. Most of the people who have moved into the immediate area are different from the long-standing members of this congregation in terms of ethnicity, financial status, and family makeup. The homes in the area tend to be older, and are more affordable to young, single-parent families and persons who are just barely getting by. There are also numerous mobile homes within 2 miles of the church. This presents a challenge to us as a congregation - how to reach out and invite persons to our church who have different backgrounds, different values, and different challenges. In order to be effective, a program of visitation must be carried out by the laity - by those who can sit in the pews with the people they invite to attend our services. Hopefully, this congregation will make this a priority in the coming year.

The members continue to be faithful in their stewardship. Giving has remained constant, even as our people have gotten older. This congregation has participated in numerous mission endeavors throughout the year. When asked to respond, the members of Mount Lebanon always come through.

A new memory garden area was completed on the lower side of the entrance to the Sanctuary, making the building more inviting to all who enter the parking area. The congregation is willing to make adjustments to the seating inside the sanctuary in order to accommodate persons with physical handicaps that make it difficult for them to sit in the regular pews.

There continues to be an air of enthusiasm about being the Church, a sense of hope for now and for the future. Even so, Sunday School attendance has lagged this year, due in part to the aging of the congregation. We continue to be blessed by an excellent choir director and a wonderful organist. The combined choirs, under the direction of the Mount Lebanon choir director, presented a Christmas cantata at both churches as well as, the Greenwood Seventh Day Adventist Church. The choir also got together to sing for the

2004

Moravian Love Feast and for a Sunday evening service at the Epworth Camp meeting this summer.

The community health education offerings sponsored by our Congregational Nurse were well attended by members of both churches. The first Annual Chargewide Picnic was well attended, and will be scheduled again next year.

Attendance at both Christmas Eve services was light, prompting me to consider offering only one service this year. Ash Wednesday attendance was extremely poor, although those present participated actively in the service. Holy Week services were divided between the two churches, and were well-attended by folks from both churches.

The United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men continue to be active for most of the year, participating in a variety of mission projects. The majority of the congregation provided items for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes, which were assembled by the UMW. Sunday School classes also participate regularly in mission projects.

As I see it, the greatest needs at Mount Lebanon UMC are as follows:

1. Coordinated lay visitation to the people in the surrounding housing developments and trailer parks.
2. Consistent programming for the children and youth that attend with a goal of increasing numbers as programs and activities are made available.
3. Outreach and transportation aimed at retirees and persons in assisted living facilities in the area.
4. Continued ministry toward the shut-in members of the congregation.
5. More intentional ministry and fellowship opportunities for senior adults.

Sandra King

State of the Mount Lebanon Church
2005

In many ways, this has been an encouraging year for Mount Lebanon. There has been more effort made on the part of a few of our members to invite friends and neighbors to Worship and fellowship activities. Several of these visitors have become regulars, and will hopefully decide to join our membership at Mount Lebanon. We have had increased attendance in the Sunshine Club and, until recently, UMY meetings. Our nursery department has been in use more frequently this year than in the past several years. We have just begun a community-wide *40 Days of Purpose* study led by two women of our congregation. The gifts of our people in the areas of music continue to be a source of inspiration that deepen the spirit of worship in our services. There is increased participation in fellowship and other activities and an overall spirit of enthusiasm for Worship. The members are loving and caring and encouraging to one another and to their pastor.

Even with all of these positive aspects of community at work in the Mount Lebanon Church, there has been an overall decrease in attendance at Sunday School and Worship. This is due almost entirely to the aging of some of our most faithful members. The majority of members are well past retirement age, and many suffer from serious medical and physical problems that make it nearly impossible to get out and come to Worship or any other activities. There is an ever-urgent need to bring in new members if this congregation is to remain viable.

Even so, there remains some resistance to welcome people who are different from the majority of our members. This seems to be an unconscious, or maybe sub-conscious feeling among our older members, but it is nevertheless impacting the potential for growth. There has been some improvement this year, as the good folks here realized the nature of our decline in attendance and have made an intentional effort to get to know visitors when they attend. Now, visitors comment on the friendly welcome that they receive from the members, which has great promise for bringing them back, again.

One of the greatest hopes for growth is the possible Mothers' Morning Out program that is being investigated for the next School Year. This program will provide a ready access to the community at large with which to make contact, as well as infusing these buildings and members with the kind of enthusiasm and life that comes with the presence and laughter of children. This idea has been embraced by most of the membership, which is highly encouraging.

There is a missional spirit among the members that is evidenced by the way in which they respond to personal needs such as ET House, Tsunami and Hurricane relief, the Appalachia Coat project and Operation Christmas Child. The people of Mount Lebanon are generally ready to offer some kind of assistance when community needs are identified. They provided filled bookbags for a needy school, food for the local Food Bank, meals for several of our shut-ins, Christmas gifts for several needy families, etc.

2005

There is, however, a deeply entrenched reluctance to fund 100% of apportionments. This reluctance is justified, in the minds of the congregation, by the lack of weekly giving and the need to "take care of our own needs." There has been a steady increase in apportionment funding over the past several years, but this is not enough. There has also been great resistance to the idea of making regular, monthly payments on apportionments throughout the year. Part of this is due to the lack of consistency in weekly giving that makes it difficult to pay the salaries and utilities when due at times throughout the year. Still, this is a mindset that needs to change for real stewardship and growth to be possible.

We met only 2 of our 5 goals for 2005 (see last year's State of the Church Report). From a pastoral standpoint, we need the following for 2006:

1. coordinated lay visitation to the people in the surrounding housing developments and trailer parks
2. consistent programming for children and youth
3. outreach and transportation aimed at retirees
4. commitment to stewardship and apportionment giving

Respectfully submitted,



Minutes of the Charge Conference, 2006

The Charge Conference for the MT LEBANON (274756) Charge of the Greenwood District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held 10/24/2006 at Kinard UMC chaired by Rev. Mary Teasley.

A devotional was conducted by Rev. Mary Teasley.

The following members were present (see attached sheet)

- I. As a commitment to strengthening the local churches of the South Carolina Annual Conference we have embraced the Natural Church Development process. Please respond to the following questions and be prepared for dialogue at the charge conference.

- A. What are your plans for using the NCD process?

The pastor will introduce NCD to the church after the District Training session in January 2007.

- B. Where is your church in the process?

We have not yet started

- C. What have you learned from the NCD survey?

We haven't taken the survey

- D. How will you use the information?

- E. How did you make disciples of Jesus Christ (§ 202 of the 2004 Book of Discipline) since the last charge conference?

We have started a Preschool to reach out to families and small children.

We have a quality Sunday School program.

- F. How many new members have you received since your last charge conference?

3

- G. How has your worship attendance changed since your last charge conference?

It has remained about the same even though we had a change in pastoral leadership.

- H. What is your church doing uniquely to offer ministry to your community?

- I. What are your charge's cross racial experiences (pulpit exchanges, choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogue, etc.)?

None

- II. Submit the following:

- A. Report of The Church Council
- B. Report of the Pastor (including Continuing Education Report)
- C. Report of other clergy
- D. Report of the Trustees
- E. *Report of the Committee on Lay Leadership (including PPRC Roster, Lay Members to 2006 Annual Conference, Official Roll and Attendance Record for 2006)
- F. *Recommended Ministerial Support
- G. 2006 Budget
- H. Treasurer's Report
- I. Parsonage Report

* Vote Required at charge conference.

III. Personnel

1. Who are recommended by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee:
- as candidates for the ordained ministry (§§ 259.2 g, 311.2)?
None
 - for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (§§ 259.2 g, 312.1)?
None
2. List the names of the persons this church has given to the United Methodist Ministry?

None

3. Who are recommended as certified lay speakers (§§ 267, 269)?

New

None

Recertified

Burroughs, Denny	916 Enoree Church Rd.	Ninety Six	SC	29666	864-543-3325
Burroughs, JoAnn	916 Enoree Church Rd.	Ninety Six	SC	29666	864-543-3325
Fortner, Phillip	2308 Hwy 248	Ninety Six	SC	29666	864-227-9445
Fortner, Debbie	2308 Hwy 248	Ninety Six	SC	29666	864-227-9445
Hawkins, Robert	111 Marshall Circle	Greenwood	SC	29646	864-227-3463

4. Who are recommended as local church lay speakers (§ 268)

New

None

Recertified

Harris, Tara	916 Enoree Church Rd.	Ninety Six	SC	29666	864-543-3325
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IV. Stewardship

One way the local church participates in the world wide mission of the church is through apportionments.

- A. & B. What percent of apportionments were/expect to be paid

Church Name	2005	2006
KINARDS	100	100

If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

MT LEBANON	81	100
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If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

This is the first year in a long time we have placed 100% of the apportionments in our budget.

- C. Has a 2005 Audit been conducted and report submitted to District Office? **Yes**

- D. Person(s) in each church to be bonded (name, address, telephone)

Anderson, Jim	2020 Ninety Six Hwy	Ninety Six	SC	29666	864-227-6316
Briggs, Ann	5902 Kinard Rd.	Ninety Six	SC	29666	864-543-3605
Burroughs, Denny	916 Enoree Church Rd.	Ninety Six	SC	29666	864-543-3325
Chandler, Hubert	1511 Ninety Six Hwy	Ninety Six	SC	29666	864-227-6399

2006

Funderburk, Harriet 123 Valley Rd.
McKellar, Larry 124 Valley Road

Greenwood SC 29646 864-229-6195
Greenwood SC 29646 864-229-4310

Presiding Elder

Secretary

Report of the Pastor

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church State of the Church

OCT. 24, 2006

Mt. Lebanon is one of those churches that you love to call your home church. That is because you will always feel welcome and loved by the members. We have much to offer our community and I look forward to being a part of what God does here.

Our activities this year have included several meals, a Fall Festival, Christmas and Easter Cantatas and Vacation Bible School just to name a few. For a small church we stay very active. We have a UMW circle, UMM, a Craft Club, Sunshine Club and if anyone feels left out we will start another club just for them.

We have many mission projects including Appalachia Coat Ministry, Operation Christmas Child and several community projects. We have started a preschool program for children ages infant to 4 years. We currently have 12 enrolled with several prospects possibly starting after the first of the year.

Though I have only been here a few short months, my family and I are extremely happy and excited about the potential for a long stay here at Mt. Lebanon and Kinard. I believe God's hand is upon our church and our community and I expect to see signs and wonders follow the members of this church.

In Service for the King,

Rev. Danny Wiley

Minutes of the Charge Conference, 2007

The Charge Conference for the MT LEBANON - KINARDS (274756) Charge of the Greenwood District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held 10/15/2007 at Mt. Lebanon UMC chaired by Rev. Mary Teasley.

A devotional was conducted by Rev. Mary Teasley.

The following members were present (see attached sheet)

- I. As a commitment to strengthening the local churches of the South Carolina Annual Conference we have embraced the Natural Church Development process. Please respond to the following questions and be prepared for dialogue at the charge conference.

- A. What are your plans for using the NCD process?

We are in the process of introducing NCD and will take the survey in November of this year.

- B. Where is your church in the process?

We have the surveys.

- C. What have you learned about your church(es) from the NCD process?

We haven't taken the survey

- D. What strategies have you developed to respond to this information?

- E. What results has your church(es) experienced with NCD?

- F. Name specific ways your church(es) made disciples of Jesus Christ since last charge conference?

We are offering the Bible Study "Experiencing God" and have a good representation from both churches.

- G. How many new members have you received since your last charge conference?

Mt. Lebanon - 2

Kinard - 3

- H. How has your worship attendance changed since your last charge conference?

Mt. Lebanon - We have increased the average attendance by 5 per Sunday. Last year we averaged 45 and this year we have averaged 50. We are on schedule to average over fifty for the first time in many years.

Kinard - We have increased the average attendance by 8 per Sunday. Last year we averaged 24 and this year we have averaged 32. We are on schedule to average around forty for the first time in many years.

- I. What unique ministry or ministries has God called your church(es) to offer to your community?

Sending coats to Kentucky

Operation Christmas Child - We sent (ML-25, K-50) shoe boxes to Samaritan's Purse.

Matthew's Elementary School - Over (ML-10) bookbags were donated along with school supplies.

Food was donated to Greenwood United Ministries

We sent almost \$300 to Hosanna Ministries for Missionaries to record the Bible on a unit in native languages.

We sent offerings to Epworth Children's Home.

Both Churches supported the Ninety Six Ministerial Fund.

Both Churches supported Epworth Camp.

2007

J. What are your charge's cross racial/cultural experiences (pulpit exchanges, choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogue, etc.)?

None

II. Submit the following:

- A. Report of The Church Council (Oral composite report; plus any other written reports such as UMW, UMM, UMYF)
- B. Report of the Pastor (including Continuing Education Report)
- C. Report of other clergy
- D. Report of the Trustees
- E. *Report of the Committee on Lay Leadership (including PPRC Roster, Lay Members to 2008 Annual Conference, Official Roll and Attendance Record for 2008)
- F. *Recommended Ministerial Support
- G. 2008 Budget
- H. Treasurer's Report
- I. Parsonage Report
- J. Report of Local Church(es) Safe Sanctuary Policy

* Vote Required at charge conference.

III. Personnel

1. Who are recommended by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee:

a. as candidates for the ordained ministry (§§ 259.2 g, 311.2)?

None

b. for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (§§ 259.2 g, 312.1)?

None

2. List the names of the persons this church has given to the United Methodist Ministry?

None

3. Who are recommended as certified lay speakers (§§ 267, 269)?

New

None

Recertified

Burroughs, Denny	916 Enoree Church Rd.	Ninety Six	SC	29666	864-543-3325
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4. Who are recommended as local church lay speakers (§ 268)

New

Harris, Tara	916 Enoree Church Rd.	Ninety Six	SC	29666	864-543-3325
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Recertified

None

2007

IV. Stewardship

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A. & B. What percent of apportionments were/expect to be paid

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KINARDS	100	100

If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

MT LEBANON	81	100
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If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

We have placed 100% of the apportionments in our budget and are working to make sure they all get paid.

C. Has a 2006 Audit been conducted and report submitted to District Office? **No**

D. Person(s) in each church to be bonded (name, address, telephone)

Anderson, Jim	2020 Ninety Six Hwy	Ninety Six	SC	29666	864-227-6316
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Funderburk, Harriet	123 Valley Rd.	Greenwood	SC	29646	864-229-6195
McKellar, Larry	124 Valley Road	Greenwood	SC	29646	864-229-4310

 Presiding Elder


 Secretary

Report of the Pastor

Kinard United Methodist Church State of the Church

2007

Kinard is a very special church that in my estimate is only being held back by its physical location. Being several miles out of a small town that has three United Methodist Churches is a challenge, but I believe we are able to not only survive, but to ultimately succeed in a mighty way. I believe this because of the resolve and faith of the congregation.

Our activities this year have included meals (both breakfast and lunch), a Fall Festival, Christmas and Easter Cantatas and Vacation Bible School just to name a few. For a small church we stay very active.

We have many mission projects including Appalachia Coat Ministry, Operation Christmas Child and several community projects.

Though I have only been here a few short months, my family and I are extremely happy and excited about the potential for a long stay here at Kinard and Mt. Lebanon. I believe God's hand is upon our church and our community and I expect to see signs and wonders follow the members of this church.

In Service for the King,

Rev. Danny Wiley

Minutes of the Charge Conference, 2008

The Charge Conference for the **MT LEBANON - KINARDS** Charge of the **Greenwood** District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held **10/23/2008** at **Kinard UMC** chaired by **Rev. Mary Teasley**.

A devotional service was conducted by **Rev. Mary Teasley**.

The following members were present (see attached sheet)

- I. As a commitment to strengthening local churches, the South Carolina Annual Conference has embraced the Natural Church Development (NCD) process. Please respond to the following questions and be prepared for dialogue at the charge conference.
 - A. Where is/are your church(es) in the NCD process?
We have taken the surveys and are in the process of meeting with our NCD Coach, Jim Arant, and implementing some of the strategies we have decided on.
 - B. What have you learned about your church(es) from the NCD process?
Our minimum factor was Passionate Spirituality.
 - C. What strategies have you developed to respond to this information?
Mt. Lebanon - We have started two different Bible Studies that have been well attended.
Kinard - We have started a Bible Study and also met to with Patrick Aliffi to develop a mission and purpose statement for the church that will help keep us moving in the right direction rather than trying to be all things to all people. As much as we would like to do that, we are too small at this point.
 - D. What results has/have your church(es) experienced with NCD?
Mt. Lebanon - Has had strong participation in our Bible Studies, but not a lot of growth.
Kinard - Has had a lot of growth, but not as strong attendance in the Bible Study.
 - E. Name specific ways your church(es) made disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world since the last charge conference?
Mt. Lebanon - Several of the members have worked especially hard on making needed improvements to the church building and grounds. Several men are participating in an ecumenical prayer breakfast each Friday. Several men from both churches have been involved with local missions, helping out families in need and making needed improvements at Epworth Camp.
 - F. How many members have your church(es) received since your last charge conference? (baptized: and professing:)
Mt. Lebanon - 2
Kinard - 9
 - G. How has your worship attendance changed since your last charge conference?
Mt. Lebanon - Has remained about the same.
Kinard - We have increased the average attendance to 40. If it had not been for the summer months we would be closer to 50.
 - H. What unique ministry or ministries has God called your church(es) to offer to your community?
Operation Christmas Child
Matthew's Elementary School
Food was donated to Greenwood United Ministries

2008

We sent offerings to Epworth Children's Home.

Both Churches supported the Ninety Six Ministerial Fund.

Both Churches supported Epworth Camp.

We sent a total of 4 flood buckets to help hurricane victims.

We have begun "96 Christians". An organization designed to find and help those in need.

- I. What are your charge's cross racial/cultural experiences (pulpit exchanges, choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogues, etc.)?

None

II. Submit the following:

- A. Report of the Church Council (oral composite report; plus any other written reports such as UMW, UMM, UMYF)
- B. Report of the Pastor (including Continuing Education Report)
- C. Reports of other clergy
- D. Report of Trustees
- E. *Report of the Committee on Lay Leadership (include PPRC Roster, Lay Members to 2009 Annual Conference, Official Roll and Attendance Record for 2009)
- F. *Recommended Ministerial Support
- G. 2009 Budget
- H. Treasurer's Report
- I. Parsonage Report
- J. Report of Local Church(es) Safe Sanctuary Policy. (Attach copies)

*Vote required at charge conference.

Minutes of the Charge Conference, 2009

The Charge Conference for the **MT LEBANON - KINARDS** Charge of the **Greenwood** District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held **October 6, 2009** at **Mt. Lebanon UMC** chaired by **Rev. Mary Teasley**.

A devotional service was conducted by **Rev. Teasley**.

The following members were present (see attached sheet)

- I. As a commitment to strengthening local churches, the South Carolina Annual Conference has embraced the Natural Church Development (NCD) process. Please respond to the following questions and be prepared for dialogue at the charge conference.
 - A. Where is/are your church(es) in the NCD process?
Both churches have taken the NCD survey. It is time to take it again. I will approach the boards again this year about taking the survey again.
 - B. What have you learned about your church(es) from the NCD process?
Our minimum factor for both churches was passionate spirituality. Since then we have had several Bible Studies and other efforts to increase our passion.
 - C. What strategies have you developed to respond to this information?
Bible Studies
 - D. What results has/have your church(es) experienced with NCD?
 - E. Name specific ways your church(es) made disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world since the last charge conference?
Mt. Lebanon - We have had Bible Studies that focused on Christianity and other World Religions.
Kinard - We have had a Bible Study that focused on living a life on passion towards Christ and others.
 - F. How many members have your church(es) received since your last charge conference? (baptized: and professing:)
Mt. Lebanon - 2
Kinard - 2
 - G. How has your worship attendance changed since your last charge conference?
Mt. Lebanon has remained about the same.
Kinard has grown by about 4 or 5.
 - H. What unique ministry or ministries has God called your church(es) to offer to your community?
Ninety Six Christians started at Kinard, but has several from Mt. Lebanon that participate.
CARTS - Caring And Ready To Serve visitation team from Mt. Lebanon.
 - I. What are your charge's cross racial/cultural experiences (pulpit exchanges, choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogues, etc.)?
- II. Submit the following:
 - A. Report of the Church Council (oral composite report; plus any other written reports such as UMW, UMM, UMYF)
 - B. Report of the Pastor (including Continuing Education Report)

2009

- C. Reports of other clergy
 - D. Report of Trustees
 - E. *Report of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development (include PPRC Roster, Lay Members to 2010 Annual Conference, Official Roll and Attendance Record for 2010)
 - F. *Recommended Ministerial Support
 - G. 2010 Budget
 - H. Treasurer's Report
 - I. Parsonage Report
 - J. Report of Local Church(es) Safe Sanctuary Policy. (Attach copies)
- *Vote required at charge conference.

III. Personnel

1. Who are recommended by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee:

a. as candidates for ordained ministry (§ 258.2.g, 311.1.d, 311.2.a)?

Name	Address	Telephone
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b. for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (§ 312.1)?

Name	Address	Telephone
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2. List the names of the persons this church has given to the United Methodist Ministry?

Name	Address	Telephone
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3. Who are recommended as certified lay speakers (§ 267, 268)?

a. New:

Name	Address	Telephone
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b. Recertified:

Name	Address	Telephone
Denny Burroughs	916 Enoree Church Rd. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-543-3325
JoAnn Burroughs	916 Enoree Church Rd. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-543-3325
Robert Hawkins	111 Marshall Circle Greenwood SC 29646	864-227-3463

4. Who are recommended as local church lay speakers (§ 267)?

a. New:

Name	Address	Telephone
Phillip Fortner	2308 Hwy 248 S. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-227-9445
Phillip Fortner	2308 Hwy 248 S. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-227-9445
Tara Harris	5715 Kinard Rd. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-543-2289
Tara Harris	5715 Kinard Rd. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-543-2289
Tara Harris	5715 Kinard Rd. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-543-2289

b. Recertified:

Name	Address	Telephone
Phillip Fortner	2308 Hwy 248 S. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-227-9445

IV. Stewardship

One way the local church participates in the world wide mission of the church is through apportionments.

2009

KINARDS

- A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2008? **100**
What do you expect to pay in 2009? **100**
- B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are you plans to move toward 100% payment?

MT LEBANON

- A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2008? **100**
What do you expect to pay in 2009? **100**
- B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are you plans to move toward 100% payment?
- C. Has a 2008 Audit been completed and report **submitted to the District Office?** **Yes**
- D. Person(s) in each church to be bonded (name, address, telephone):

Name	Address	Telephone
Jim Anderson	2020 Ninety Six Hwy Ninety Six SC 29666	864-227-6316
Ann Briggs	5902 Kinard Rd. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-543-3605
Denny Burroughs	916 Enoree Church Rd. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-543-3325
Hubert Chandler	1511 Ninety Six Hwy Ninety Six SC 29666	864-227-6399
Harriet Funderburk	123 Valley Rd. Greenwood SC 29646	864-229-6195
Larry McKellar	124 Valley Rd. Greenwood SC 29646	864-229-4310

 Presiding Elder

 Secretary

Minutes of the Charge Conference, 2010

The Charge Conference for the **MT LEBANON - KINARDS** Charge of the **Greenwood** District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held **10-29-2010** at **Kinard UMC** chaired by **Rev. Mary Teasley**.

A devotional service was conducted by **Rev. Mary Teasley**.

The following members were present (see attached sheet)

- I. As a commitment to making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, please respond to the following questions and be prepared for dialogue at the charge conference.

- A. Name specific ways your church(es) made disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world since the last charge conference?

Mt. Lebanon - Formed a MLLT (Mt. Lebanon Leadership Team) Focus is on 4 areas: Nurture, Visitation, Social/Fellowship, Outreach.

Kinard - Began plans for ministry areas. Biggest focus is on local missions through the 96 Christians.

- B. What unique ministry or ministries has God called your church(es) to offer to your community?

96 Christians

CARTS (Caring and Ready To Serve) Visitation Team

- C. What ministries "With the Least of These" are you involved in?

96 Christians, Greater Greenwood United, Ministries, Food Bank, Soup Kitchen, Hospice House, Samaritan's Purse, Matthew's Elem. School

- D. How many members have your church(es) received since your last charge conference? (baptized: and professing:)

Mt. Lebanon: 0

Kinard: 0

- II. As a commitment to strengthening the local churches, the South Carolina Annual Conference has embraced the Natural Church Development (NCD) process. Please respond to the following questions and be prepared for dialogue at the charge conference.

- A. Where is/are your church(es) in the NCD process?

We didn't participate this year.

- B. What is/are your minimum factor(s)?

na

- C. How have you addressed your minimum factor(s)?

na

- D. What results has/have your church(es) experienced with NCD?

na

- E. When do plan to take your next survey(s)?

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- III. As a celebration of connectionalism and community, what are your charge's experiences with other United Methodist Churches, ecumenical experiences, cross racial/cultural experiences such as pulpit exchanges, choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogues, etc.?

Minutes of the Charge Conference, 2011

The Charge Conference for the **MT LEBANON - KINARDS** Charge of the **Greenwood** District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held **10/27/2011** at **Mt. Lebanon UMC** chaired by **Rev. Mary Teasley**.

A devotional service was conducted by **Rev. Mary Teasley**.

The following members were present (see attached sheet)

- I. As a commitment to making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, please respond to the following questions and be prepared for dialogue at the charge conference.
 - A. Name specific ways your church(es) made disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world since the last charge conference?
We hold weekly Bible Studies and with several local organizations that provide help for the needy.
 - B. What unique ministry or ministries has God called your church(es) to offer to your community?
Mt. Lebanon - Hot Dog Dinners
Church Visitation Team
Kinard - Choir sings at Bayberry Nursing Home
Fed Dinner to Dixie HS Football Team
Fed Breakfast to Ninety Six FCA
 - C. What ministries "With the Least of These" are you involved in?
GGUM
96 Ministerial Association
Food Bank
Matthews Elementary School
96 Christians
Missionaries, Bill & Betsy Tarr
A local Special Needs Family
Sexual Trauma Center
Hospice House
Shoe Box Ministry
 - D. How many members have your church(es) received since your last charge conference? (baptized: and professing:)
Mt. Lebanon - 1
Kinard - 3
- II. As a commitment to strengthening the local churches, the South Carolina Annual Conference has embraced the Natural Church Development (NCD) process. Please respond to the following questions and be prepared for dialogue at the charge conference.
 - A. Where is/are your church(es) in the NCD process?
We are in the beginning stages of working through the Vital Churches Strategy to strengthen our church.
 - B. What is/are your minimum factor(s)?
 - C. How have you addressed your minimum factor(s)?
 - D. What results has/have your church(es) experienced with NCD?

2011

When we did NCD a few years ago, we didn't have much success in working through our minimum factor.

E. When do plan to take your next survey(s)?

Not sure

III. As a celebration of connectionalism and community, what are your charge's experiences with other United Methodist Churches, ecumenical experiences, cross racial/cultural experiences such as pulpit exchanges, choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogues, etc.?

We have a very strong relationship with the other UMC in the Ninety Six area. The men meet weekly for a prayer breakfast and quarterly for a men's fellowship meal. Several of the women attend Celebration on a monthly basis. We have joint services for Easter and Thanksgiving with all churches in Ninety Six. This year, the choir at Kinard is joining with the choir at Cambridge UMC for a combined Christmas Cantata.

IV. Submit the following:

- A. Report of the Church Council (Oral composite report; plus any other written reports such as UMW, UMM, UMYF)
- B. Report of the Pastor (including Continuing Education Report)
- C. Reports of other clergy and applicable Continuing Education Reports
- D. Report of Trustees
- E. *Report of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development (include PPRC Roster, Lay Member(s) to 2012 Annual Conference, Official Roll and Attendance Record for 2012)
- F. *Recommended Ministerial Support
- G. Accountable Reimbursement Policy
- H. 2012 Budget
 - I. Treasurer's Report
 - J. Report of the Committee on Finance
- K. Parsonage Report
- L. Report of Local Church(es) Safe Sanctuary Policy (Attach Copies)
- M. Epworth Children's Home Local Church Representative Form

*Vote required at charge conference

V. Personnel

1. Who are recommended by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee:

a. as candidates for ordained ministry (§§ 258.2(g)9, 311.1(e))?

Name	Address	Telephone
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b. for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (§§ 258.2(g)9, 312.1)?

Name	Address	Telephone
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2. List the names of the persons this church has given to the United Methodist Ministry?

Name	Address	Telephone
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3. Who are recommended as certified lay speakers (§ 268)?

a. New:

Name	Address	Telephone
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b. Recertified:

Name	Address	Telephone
Denny Burroughs	917 Enoree Church Rd Ninety Six SC 29666	864-543-3325
JoAnn Burroughs	917 Enoree Church Rd. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-543-3325
Robert Hawkins	111 Marshal Circle Greenwood SC 29646	864-227-3463

2011

4. Who are recommended as local church lay speakers (§ 267)?

a. New:

Name	Address	Telephone
Tara Harris	5717 Kinard Rd. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-543-2289
Mike Ware	726 Puckett Ferry Rd. Greenwood SC 29649	864-227-6807

b. Recertified:

Name	Address	Telephone
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VI. Stewardship

One way the local church participates in the world wide mission of the church is through apportionments (§ 247.14).

KINARDS

A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2010? **100**What do you expect to pay in 2011? **100**

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are you plans to move toward 100% payment?

C. Has a 2010 Audit been completed and report **submitted to the District Office?** **Yes**

MT LEBANON

A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2010? **100**What do you expect to pay in 2011? **100**

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are you plans to move toward 100% payment?

C. Has a 2010 Audit been completed and report **submitted to the District Office?** **Yes**

D. Person(s) in each church to be bonded (name, address, telephone):

Name	Address	Telephone
Jim Anderson	2020 Hwy 34 Ninety Six SC 29666	864-227-6316
Ann Briggs	5902 Kinard Rd. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-543-3605
Denny Burroughs	916 Enoree Church Rd. Ninety Six SC 29666	864-543-3325
Hubert Chandler	1511 Hwy 34 Ninety Six SC 29646	864-227-6399
Harriet Funderburk	123 Valley Rd. Greenwood SC 29646	864-229-6195
Larry McKellar	124 Valley Rd. Greenwood SC 29646	864-229-4310

 Presiding Elder

 Secretary

Minutes of the Charge Conference, 2019

The Charge Conference for the MT LEBANON - KINARDS Charge of the Greenwood District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held 10/23/2019 at Mt. Lebanon chaired by Rev. Dr. Stephen Love.

A devotional service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Love.

The following members were present (see attached sheet).

I. Mission

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Achieving a bold mission requires setting intentional goals. Please be prepared to dialogue about the following questions at Charge Conference. If your church doesn't have formal goals, then discuss programs/ministries that fulfill the mission of the church.

- A. What were your key goals for making and nurturing disciples for this past year?
1. To stronger in our faith through our prayers.
 2. To create opportunities to be present within the life of the church through worship and Bible study.
 3. To use our blessing for the benefit of those who are marginalized by society.
 4. To come along the side of those organizations that are meeting the most basic needs of those that are struggling.
 5. To be a witness to the world that God still matters in 2019 and that we are to be the hands and feet of Christ to a broken world.
- B. How are you making progress towards reaching the goals stated above?
We are making great progress on each goal. See Admin Board Chair and Pastor's report for details
- C. Among these goals, what are you most excited about?
Bible growth, missions, witness.

Church Vitality

- D. While numbers are not the only factor of vitality, they are helpful in providing clarity of our church's present reality. The numbers below were reported in your 2017 and 2018 Statistical Tables except for you need to report Last New Member Class and Number in Last New Member Class.

E.

Church	Year	Avg Worship Attendance	Membership	Avg Sunday School Attendance	Total Number of People in Christian Formation Groups
Kinards	2018	30	86	12	70
	2017	28	86	21	67
Mt Lebanon	2018	37	100	30	81

	2017	36	102	17	74
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2019

F.

Church	Year	Joined on Profession of Faith	Number in Youth Confirmation Class	Last New Member Class for Adults	Number in Last New Mbr Class for Adults
Kinards	2018	0	0		0
	2017	1	1		
Mt Lebanon	2018	0	0		0
	2017	0	0		

G. Tools for Planning

What is your church/charge's specific plan to reach new people for Jesus Christ? What tools are you using to foster growth (i.e. Forward Focus, Natural Church Development, SHIFT, Ken Callahan's "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church", etc.)? This Advent we will be using marketing strategies (mail-outs, social media, personal invites) to invite new people into the church. We will review and enhance our welcoming initiatives, we will also evaluate our hospitality efforts to see where we can improve. These are initiatives identified through Forward Focus.

II. Nurture

- A. Does your church/charge have a visitation program? Please describe.
Yes. Visitation is done by the pastor for hospitalizations, surgeries, and the home-bound. Members of the church also conduct visits within these categories.
- B. Does your church/charge have a congregational care program (i.e. Stephen's Ministry, divorce care, counseling center, grief group, etc.)? Please describe.
The pastor provides congregational counselling to it's members. There is a group that coordinates meals when it is appropriate.

III. Outreach and Witness

- A. How is your church/charge reaching out in service to the community and the world?
Bibles studies offered during year on Wednesday nights that include supper and fellowship. Thes studies were topical concerning life issues of recovery, forgiveness, and growing as a Christian. We also offered book studies from different books in the Bible. One of our Sunday school classes uses the traditional Cokesbury reader and the other is a discussion group that focus on Upper Room materials.

We reached the margins of our community by serving in missions at the Pathway House (419 meals served), Greenwood County Food Bank (308 families served), Habitat for Humanity (four home dedications, funded one house), North Side Middle School (school supplies), as well as, Conference supported missions

Our women's group, Women in Action, participated in numerous service projects this year. These projects included providing supplies to the Pathway House and provide gift baskets for our Native American seniors. Women in Action also visits our shut-ins.

2019

Mt Lebanon and Kinard Joined together for worship times, such as Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday. We plan to do so for Christmas Eve as well.

Mt. Lebanon continues to provide support for Epworth Camp Meeting. Our pastor's term as president for the Board of Directors has ended but he remains on the board and our music director provides his talents with regards to sound equipment and quality.

Mt. Lebanon teams with other churches to do ministry together. These include Ninety Six Ministerial Association and St. Mark.

What is the number of persons engaged in mission?

Church	# Engaged in Mission
Kinards	42
Mt Lebanon	67

- B. How has your church/charge engaged in ministry with children, youth, and young adults beyond your local church this year (i.e. Scouts, Child Care, Basketball League, school partnerships, campus ministry, etc.)?

Vacation Bible School

Movie Nights

Christmas Party

Easter Celebration

- C. Has your church/charge engaged in ministry with other United Methodist Churches, with ecumenical partners, and in cross racial/cultural experiences (i.e. pulpit or choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogues, etc.)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church/charge?

Mt Lebanon and Kinard Joined together for worship times, such as Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday. We plan to do so for Christmas Eve as well.

Mt. Lebanon continues to provide support for Epworth Camp Meeting. Our pastor term as president for the Board of Directors has ended but he remains on the board and our music director provides his talents with regards to sound equipment and quality.

Mt. Lebanon also teams with other churches to do ministry together. We have teamed with Ninety Six Ministerial Association to provide utility assistance, breakfast for Ninety Six High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Community Lenten Luncheon. We have teamed with St. Mark to provide dinner for the Greenwood Salkehatchie Summer Service.

IV. Submit the following:

- Report of the Church Council (Oral composite report; plus any other written reports such as UMW, UMM, UMYF)
- Report of the Pastor (State of Church, ¶ 340 BOD 2016, Continuing Education Report)
- Reports of other clergy and applicable Continuing Education Reports (all categories)
- Report of Trustees
- *Report of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development
 - PPRC Roster - print copy for District Superintendent
 - Lay Member(s) to 2020 Annual Conference - do not print; submit names online

- Official Roll and Attendance Record for 2020 - print copies for District Superintendent and Secretary
- F. *Recommended Ministerial Support
- G. Accountable Reimbursement Policy
- H. 2020 Budget
- I. Treasurer's Report
- J. Report of the Committee on Finance
- K. Parsonage Report
- L. Report of Local Church(es) Safe Sanctuary Policy (Attach Copies)
- M. Epworth Children's Home Local Church Representative - do not print; submit name on Nominations and Leadership Report
- N. 2019-20 High School Juniors and Seniors List - do not print; submit names online
- O. Conference or District Nomination forms - do not print; submit names online

2019

*Vote required at charge conference

V. Personnel

1. Who are recommended by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee: (*v = vote, *v 2/3 = two thirds vote)

- a. as candidates for ordained ministry (§§ 258.2(g)9, 310.1(e)) (*v 2/3)?

Peter Antone

- b. for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (§§ 258.2(g)9, 310.1(e)) (*v)?

Tim Jones

2. List the names of the persons this church has given to the United Methodist Ministry?

3. Who are recommended as Local Church Lay Servants (§ 266) (*v)?

- a. New:

Name	Address	Email/Telephone
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- b. Renewed:

Name	Address	Email/Telephone
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4. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Servants (§ 266) (*v)?

- a. New:

Name	Address	Email/Telephone
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- b. Recertified:

Name	Address	Email/Telephone
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5. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Speakers (§ 267) (*v)?

- a. New:

Name	Address	Email/Telephone
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b. Recertified:

Name Address Email/Telephone

2019

VI. Stewardship

One way the local church participates in the world wide mission of the church is through apportionments (§ 247.14).

Kinards

- A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2018? 100
What do you expect to pay in 2019? 100 Year-to-date paid is 74.97%.
- B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

- C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes
If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No

- D. Has a 2018 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes

Mt Lebanon

- A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2018? 100
What do you expect to pay in 2019? 100 Year-to-date paid is 75.02%.
- B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

- C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes
If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No

- D. Has a 2018 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes


Presiding Elder


Secretary

Report of Pastor 2019

The report of the pastor in charge shall include the names of all persons involved in the changes in membership and other items outlined in the 2016 *Book of Discipline* (§§ 234, 340). This report should cover as fully as possible the work of the pastor. Care should be taken not to duplicate the reports of the Church Council, committees, organizations, and officers of the charge.

Copies of this report should be filed with the recording secretary, pastor, district superintendent, and chairperson of witness or evangelism ministries.

Mt Lebanon Church
Greenwood District

MT LEBANON - KINARDS Charge
South Carolina Conference

For the period beginning **10/18, 2018**, and ending **10/23, 2019**.

(Note: This report runs from Charge Conference to Charge Conference.)

1. List those who have been received into baptized membership since last report (Record names and dates)
 - a. Infants baptized since last report. 0
 - b. All others: children, youth, and adults baptized since last report. 0
2. List those who have been received into professing membership since the last report. (Record names and dates)
 - a. On profession of faith or restored. 1
Wendell Dee Gorman 11/12/2018
 - b. From other United Methodist churches. 2
Sarah Peurifoy 04/21/2019
Wayne Peurifoy 04/21/2019
 - c. From other non-United Methodist churches. 0
3. List those who has been removed from the professing membership since last report. (Record names and dates)
 - a. By action of the Charge Conference, or trial court, or withdrawal. 0
 - b. By transfer to other United Methodist churches. 0
 - c. By transfer to non-United Methodist churches. 0
 - d. By death. 6
Henry Henry Brewer Jr 11/11/2018
Virginia Gambrell Hastings 11/11/2018
James Perrin Anderson Jr 12/05/2018
Edith Gilbert Ley 02/03/2019
Bryant Eldred Ley Sr 03/09/2019
Donald Lon Shelly 05/24/2019
4. Have the membership rolls been audited? **Yes**
 - a. If not, why not?

b. Who has moved from your community since the last Charge Conference?

c. What has been done to relate them to another church?

2019

5. The Pastor shall give a report on the State of the Church (Please do not duplicate report of the Church Council or other committees. Only highlight, from the pastor's perspective, the major issues or events related to the health of the church.) (Attach as a supplement.)
6. The Pastor shall give an account of pastoral ministry as it relates to (§ 340): Elders have a fourfold ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service. Please describe how you have fulfilled your calling this year in the following ways: (Attach as a supplement.)
- Preach and teach the Word.
 - Provide pastoral care and counsel.
 - Administer the sacraments.
 - Order the life of the church for service in mission and ministry.
 - Include as a part of the report a statement outlining the pastor's program of continuing education and spiritual growth for the past year and plans for the year to come (§ 351). (Attach as a supplement.)

Signed



Printed Name

ROBERT F GILBERT

Date

10/23/19

State of the Church
Mt Lebanon UMC
Charge Conference
October 23, 2019

Mt. Lebanon UMC is a welcoming, caring, and loving church. The church clearly has a heart for worship, learning, and serving. Mt Lebanon is well position within the community to provide love and support. Mt. Lebanon enjoys a rich history that speaks to their future. Worship is a significant part of the life of this church. Each Sunday the church arrives to worship together, to pray together, and to offer support to each other. Sunday school is well attended. There is an eagerness to learn and serve that is foundational to the existence to this church. Bible studies are well attended.

We continue to do the hard work that God has set before us. There is no doubt that 2019 will be a rocky year for our denomination, conference and district. We are committed to be in prayer for those attending the general conference. Rest assured, we are paying attention and engaging in conversation. In the mean time we will focus on discipleship and serving the community. Scripture is replete with stories of God calling His people to difficult tasks. While we may doubt our ability to fulfill our God-given mission, God is confident in us. When we are faithful to God, faithfully living into His will for our life together as church, God will be faithful to us. I am confident that God will bless our efforts and lead us to new heights in ministry.

As we move into a new church year, these are our emphasizes: 1. To grow stronger in our faith through our prayers. 2. To create opportunities to be present within the life of the church through worship and Bible study. 3. To use our blessings for the benefit of those who are marginalized by society. 4. To come along the side of those organizations that are meeting the most basic needs of those that are struggling. 5. To be a witness to the world that God still matters in 2020 and that we are to be the hands and feet of Christ to a broken world.

Respectfully submitted,



Bobby Gilbert,
Pastor

State of the Church

Mt. Lebanon UMC

October 27, 2020

Mt. Lebanon UMC is in the suburban area of Greenwood, SC and the members are a loving and caring group of people who welcomes all who come to this church. Although, Mt. Lebanon may be small in membership, however, they have a large heart for God and neighbor, supports their community and schools, and are intentional in their mission ministry. I have only been the pastor here at Mt. Lebanon for about four months but have witness the warmth and kindness of fellowship from each member. Mt. Lebanon is making history by having their first African American pastor since the inception of their church which constitute them as being a cross-racial ministry.

I have witnessed the enthusiasm, positive expectation and participation in worship and service to God and community. Mt. Lebanon seeks to invite and include into their church family individuals from various social status, educational background, and ethnicity. We are striving diligently to bring ministry to our members and community amidst this COVID-19 pandemic by social media, porch visits, and phone calls.

As the newly appointed pastor of Mt. Lebanon UMC, I am by the help of the Holy Spirit, preaching and teaching the Word, providing pastoral support and training to members, administering the Sacraments, and giving pastoral leadership as we make disciples of Jesus Christ. My prayer is that Mt. Lebanon UMC becomes the catalyst for a unified as well as a diversified church that will make a difference in our world through the name of Jesus Christ. Mt. Lebanon UMC is place where we love God, love others, and serve the world.

Pastor: *Reverend Arthur L. Lample*

Report of Pastor 2020

The report of the pastor in charge shall include the names of all persons involved in the changes in membership and other items outlined in the 2016 *Book of Discipline* (§§ 234, 340). This report should cover as fully as possible the work of the pastor. Care should be taken not to duplicate the reports of the Church Council, committees, organizations, and officers of the charge.

Copies of this report should be filed with the recording secretary, pastor, district superintendent, and chairperson of witness or evangelism ministries.

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church
Greenwood District

Mt. Lebanon - Kinard Charge
South Carolina Conference

For the period beginning 10/23, 2019 and ending 10/27, 2020.

(Note: This report runs from Charge Conference to Charge Conference.)

1. List those who have been received into baptized membership since last report (Record names and dates). If you need more space please attach as a supplement.

a. Infants baptized since last report.

Name	Date

b. All others: children, youth, and adults baptized since last report.

Name	Date

2. List those who have been received into professing membership since the last report. (Record names and dates). If you need more space please attach as a supplement.

a. On profession of faith or restored.

Name	Date

b. From other United Methodist churches.

Name	Date

c. From other non-United Methodist churches.

2020

Name	Date

3. List those who have been removed from the professing membership since last report. (Record names and dates). If you need more space please attach as a supplement.

a. By action of the Charge Conference, or trial court, or withdrawal.

Name	Date

b. By transfer to other United Methodist churches.

Name	Date

c. By transfer to other non-United Methodist churches.

Name	Date

d. By death.

Name	Date
Larry McKellar	01/19/2020
Marion Calvert	02/28/2020

4. Have the membership rolls been audited? Yes

a. If not, why not?

b. Who has moved from your community since the last Charge Conference?

c. What has been done to relate them to another church?

5. The Pastor shall give a report on the State of the Church (Please do not duplicate report of the Church Council or other committees. Only the highlight, from the pastor's perspective, the major issues or events related to the health of the church). (Attach as a supplement.)

- 2020
6. The Pastor shall give an account of pastoral ministry as it relates to (§ 340): Elders have a fourfold ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service. Please describe how you have fulfilled your calling this year in the following ways: (Attach as a supplement.)
- a. Preach and teach the Word.
 - b. Provide pastoral care and counsel.
 - c. Administer the sacraments.
 - d. Order the life of the church for service in mission and ministry.
 - e. Include as a part of the report a statement outlining the pastor's program of continuing education and spiritual growth for the past year and plans for the year to come (§ 351). (Attach as a supplement.)

Signed

Rev. Arthur L. Gamble

Printed Name Rev. Arthur L. Gamble

Date

10/20/2020

The Charge Conference for the MT LEBANON - KINARDS (274756) of the Greenwood District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held. The Charge Conference for the MT LEBANON - KINARDS (274756) of the Greenwood District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held 09/16/2021 at Mt. Lebanon UMC chaired by Rev. Dr. Stephen Love. A devotional service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Stephen Love.

In light of the pandemic, the Cabinet has revised the Charge Conference Minutes questions for 2021, to help churches reflect on the changing context for ministry. These questions are from the newly revised Forward Focus materials and are intended to help a church reflect on how the pandemic has impacted ministry. The pastor and key church leaders should discuss the questions together, and then enter the answers in the text box. If you need additional space, please attach a supplement.

I. Pandemic Ministry

We are constantly changing and growing. We are not the same today as we were yesterday. This section should give you an idea about how your church has weathered the pandemic. It should give your church an idea about what you may need to do in order to move forward. Take time to pray and listen.

A. Has your church's vision shifted since COVID-19?

Kinards (274734): Yes, our church's vision has changed from an inwardly perspective of ministry to an outwardly perspective of ministry. We must not wait for people to come to us, instead we must take the ministry to the community beyond the four walls.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Yes, our church's vision has changed from an inwardly ministry perspective to an outwardly ministry perspective. We must not wait for individuals to come to us, instead we must take the ministry to the community beyond the four walls.

B. What new tools did you have to learn about and use?

Kinards (274734): Due to COVID-19 pandemic, we had to learn to utilize social media, Zoom, Facebook, wearing masks, Dialmycalls.com for weekly prayer and announcements, and use prepackaged Communion cups for Holy Communion.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Due to COVID-19 pandemic we had to learn to utilize social media, Zoom, Facebook, wearing masks, Dialmycalls.com for weekly prayer and announcements, and prepackaged Communion cups.

C. Describe your church's strengths and your church's growing edges revealed during the pandemic.

Kinards (274734): Our church's strength is evident in being very welcoming, inviting, and supportive of various community schools and agencies with finance, food, and other supplies. Our growing edges are being intentional on engaging our surrounding communities.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Our church's strength are evident in being a very welcoming, inviting, and supporting various community schools and agencies with finance, food, and other supplies. Our growing edges are being more intentional on engaging our surrounding community.

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D. Describe the impact of the pandemic on your existing ministries and on any new ministries you started.

Kinards (274734): Impact of pandemic consist of time of church closings which prevented in-person worship, decrease in member participation in ministry, and readjustment to doing outreach and service, and volunteering.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Impact of pandemic consist of time of church closing which prevented in-person worship, decrease in member participation, and readjustment to outreach and service to mission volunteering.

E. What ministries have you decided to keep and what ministries have you decided to let go of as a result of the pandemic?

Kinards (274734): We kept the Greenwood Pathway Homeless Shelter ministry by providing food and supplies instead of bringing and eating meals with them. We discontinued the Ninety Six Ministerial Men Breakfast.

Mt Lebanon (274756): We kept the Greenway Pathway House ministry by providing food and supplies instead of preparing and delivering meals. We discontinue the support for Community Food Bank and Ninety Six Ministerial Men Breakfast.

F. In what ways are you uniquely equipped to meet the needs of the community?

Kinards (274734): We are uniquely equipped to meet the needs of our community through worship, service, providing a place for community functions such as weddings and funerals, and providing food and supplies to various agencies and schools.

Mt Lebanon (274756): We are uniquely equipped to meet the needs of our community through worship, service, providing food and supplies. We have a lot of empty rooms and space to hold elections and various community programs.

II. Personnel

1. Who are recommended by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee: (*vote, *v 2/3 = two thirds vote)

A. as candidates for ordained ministry (§§ 258.2(g)9, 310.1(e)) (*v 2/3)?

B. for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (§§ 258.2(g)9, 310.1(e)) (*v)?

2. List the names of the persons the church has given to the United Methodist Ministry?

Peter Antoine Tim Jones

3. Who are recommended as Local Church Lay Servants (§ 266) (*v)?

A. New: Harriet Funderburk

B. Renewed:

4. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Servants (§ 266) (*v)?

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A. New:

B. Recertified:

5. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Speakers (§ 267) (*v)?

A. New:

B. Recertified:

6. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Ministers (§ 268) (*v)?

A. New:

B. Recertified:

III. Stewardship

One way the local church participates in the world wide mission of the church is through apportionments (§ 247.14).

Kinards (274734)

A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2020? 100%

What do you expect to pay in 2021? 100%

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes

If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No

D. Has a 2020 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes

Mt Lebanon (274756)

A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2020? 100%

What do you expect to pay in 2021? 100%

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes

If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

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Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No

D. Has a 2020 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes

IV. Submit the following:

- A. Minutes Form (1 Report for each charge)
 - Recommend Candidates for Ordained Ministry
 - Recommend Lay Servants
- B. Lay Servant Report(s)
- C. Report of the Church Council (Oral composite report plus any other written reports such as UMW, UMM, UMYF)
- D. Report of the Pastor (State of the Church. ¶ 340 BOD 2016 & Pastoral Ministry)
- E. Continuing Education Report
- F. Reports of other clergy and applicable Continuing Education Reports (all categories)
- G. Annual Report of Trustees
- H. *Report of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development - print copies for members of Charge Conference
 - Lay Member to 2022 Annual Conference - do not print; submit names online
 - Epworth Children's Home Local Church Representative
- I. Pastor-Parish Relations Roster for Charge 2022
- J. Charge Conference Official Roll and Attendance Record for 2022 - print copies for District Superintendent and Secretary for keeping roll at Council meetings
- K. *Recommended Ministerial Support & Accountable Reimbursement Policy
- L. Parsonage Report
- M. Report of the Finance Committee
 - 2022 Local Church Budget
 - Treasurer's Report
- N. Conference or District Nominations form - do not print; submit names online
- O. 2021-22 High School Junior and Senior List and current college students (¶ 232 BOD 2016) - do not print, submit names online
- P. Report of Local Church(es) Safe Sanctuary Policy (Attach copies)
- Q. Local Church Policy on Sexual Misconduct (Attach copy, see sample here: [Sample-Local-Church-Policy-Statement-on-Misconduct-of-a-Sexual-Nature-2016.pdf](#) (umcsc.org))

*Vote required at charge conference



Presiding Elder or District Superintendent



Secretary

d. By death.

Name	Date
William Pemberton	09/12/2021

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4. Have the membership rolls been audited? Yes

a. If not, why not?

b. Who has moved from your community since the last Charge Conference?

None

c. What has been done to relate them to another church?

5. The pastor shall give a report on the State of the Church (Please do not duplicate report of the Church Council or other committees. Only the highlights, from the pastor's perspective, the major issues or events related to the health of the church). (Attach as a supplement.)

6. The Pastor shall give an account of pastoral ministry as it relates to (§ 340): Elders, provisional elders, and local pastors have a fourfold ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service. Please describe how you have fulfilled your calling this year in the following ways: (Attach as a supplement.)

a. Preach and teach the Word.

b. Provide pastoral care and counsel.

c. Administer the sacraments.

d. Order the life of the church for service in mission and ministry.

e. Include as a part of the report a statement outlining the pastor's program of continuing education and spiritual growth for the past year and plans for the year to come (§ 351).

Signed

Arthur L. Gumble

Printed Name

Arthur L. Gumble

Date

9/12/2021

Report of Pastor 2021

The report of the pastor in charge shall include the names of all persons involved in the changes in membership and other items outlined in the 2016 Book of Discipline (§§ 234, 340). This report should cover as fully as possible the work of the pastor. Care should be taken not to duplicate the reports of the Church Council, committees, organizations, and officers of the charge.

Copies of this report should be filed with the recording secretary, pastor, district superintendent, and chairperson of witness or evangelism ministries.

Church <u>Mt Lebanon 274756</u>	Charge <u>MT LEBANON - KINARDS 274756</u>
District <u>Greenwood District</u>	Conference <u>South Carolina Conference</u>
For the period beginning 10/27/2020 and ending 09/16/2021.	

1. List those who have been received into baptized membership since last report (Record names and dates).

a. Infants baptized since last report

Name	Date
None	

b. All others: children, youth, and adults baptized since last report.

Name	Date
None	

2. List those who have been received into professing membership since the last report (Record names and dates).

a. On profession of faith or restored

Name	Date
None	

b. From other United Methodist churches.

Name	Date
None	

c. From other non-United Methodist churches.

Name	Date
None	

3. List those who have been removed from the professing membership since last report (Record names and dates).

a. By action of the Charge Conference, or trial court, or withdrawal

Name	Date
None	

b. By transfer to other United Methodist churches.

Name	Date
None	

c. By transfer to other non-United Methodist churches.

Name	Date
None	

State of the Church

Mt. Lebanon UMC September 16, 2021

Mt. Lebanon is in the suburban area of Greenwood, South Carolina and the members are loving, caring, and welcomes all to be in ministry with them. Although, Mt. Lebanon has a small membership, however, they have a large heart for God and neighbor, supports their community and schools, and are intentional in their mission ministry. Mt. Lebanon seeks to invite and include into their church family individuals from various social status, educational background, and ethnicity. We are striving diligently to bring ministry to our members and community amidst the COVID-19 pandemic by social media, Mt. Lebanon's Facebook, porch visits, and phone calls.

I am by the help of the Holy Spirit, preaching and teaching the Word of God, providing support and training to members, administering the Sacraments, and making hospital visit while giving pastoral leadership as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are engaging our community in ministry by providing back to school supplies for students, food and supplies to homeless shelter, and supporting various agencies (Habitat, Greenwood Pathway House, Greater Greenwood United Ministries) with financial funding and volunteer services. We are also involved with the Ninety-Six Ministerial Alliance providing crisis assistance, prayer vigils, and God's love. I provide a weekly prayer to all members and those in the community via Dialmycalls.com. My plans are to become a provisional elder candidate on next year, and to study, read, and pray daily. My prayer is that Mt. Lebanon becomes the catalyst for a unified and diversified church ministry that will make a difference in our world through the name of Jesus Christ. Mt. Lebanon is a place where we love God, others and serve the world,

The Charge Conference for the MT LEBANON - KINARDS (274756) of the Greenwood District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held. The Charge Conference for the MT LEBANON - KINARDS (274756) of the Greenwood District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held 10/26/2022 at Kinard United Methodist Church chaired by Rev. Stephen Love. A devotional service was conducted by Rev. Stephen Love.

I. Mission

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Achieving a bold mission requires setting intentional goals. Please be prepared to dialogue about the following questions at Charge Conference. If your church doesn't have formal goal, then discuss programs/ministries that fulfill the mission of the church.

A. What were your key goals for making and nurturing disciples for this past year?

Kinards (274734): To be intentional bringing diversity and unity to our church.
To engage the community by service, worship, and witness.
To be the visible hands and feet of Christ in our community.

Mt Lebanon (274756): 1. To create opportunities of connecting and engaging our communities with our ministry.
2. To use our blessing for the benefit of those who are marginalized by society.
3. To come along side of those organizations that are meeting the most basic needs of those who are struggling.
4. To be a witness to the world that God still matters in 2022.
5. To be the feet and hands of Christ to a broken world.

B. How are you making progress towards reaching the goals stated above?

Kinards (274734): WE are making progress by the grace and help of God in reaching our goals. See Administrative Council and Pastor's Report.

Mt Lebanon (274756): We are making great progress on each goal. See Admin Board Chair and Pastor's report.

C. Among these goals, what are you most excited about?

Kinards (274734): We are most excited about engaging the community by service, worship, and witness. Kinard provides meals for Greenwood Pathway House once a month, meals and devotion by pastor for Ninety Six High School Football team, as well as service and witness with Epworth Camp, and other church events that involves our community.

Mt Lebanon (274756): We are most excited about Bible Study, missions, witness, and church events that involves our community.

D. Church Vitality

While numbers are not the only factor of vitality, they are helpful in providing clarity of our church's present reality. Below is the reported data from your church's last two year-end Statistical Tables.

Church	Year	Avg. Worship	Total Professing	Avg. Sunday	Total Number of People in	Received on Profession of	Received on Profession of
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		Attendance	Members	School Attendance	Christian Formation Groups	Faith Through Confirmation	Faith (not in Confirmation)
2022							
Kinards (274734)	2021	27	40	5	38	0	0
	2020	25	40	8	38	0	0
Mt Lebanon (274756)	2021	25	94	11	25	0	0
	2020	24	95	11	30	0	0

E. Tools for Planning

What is your church's specific plan to reach new people for Jesus Christ? What tools are you using to foster growth (i.e. Forward Focus, Natural Church Development, SHIFT, Ken Callahan's "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church", etc.)?

Kinards (274734): We are using social media (Facebook), church-community events, music, Dial-my-calls Mid-week Prayer, and personal invites and witness to reach new people. We are reviewing and enhancing welcoming initiatives and evaluating our hospitality efforts for improvement.

Mt Lebanon (274756): We are using social media (Facebook), church-community events, Dial-my-Calls Mid-week prayer, and personal invites to reach new people for Jesus Christ. We are reviewing and enhancing welcoming initiatives and evaluating our hospitality efforts for improvement. These initiatives were identified through Forward Focus.

II. Nurture

A. Does your church have a visitation program? Please describe.

Kinards (274734): Yes, Visitation is done by Pastor and members for hospitalizations, surgeries, and sick and shut-in individuals.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Yes. Visitation is done by the Pastor, Women in Action Committee, and church members for hospitalizations, surgeries, and home-bounds.

B. Does your church have a congregational care program (i.e. Stephen's Ministry, divorce care, counseling center, grief group, etc.)? Please describe.

Kinards (274734): Yes, Pastor provides counseling and Pastoral Care to congregation and community. The church members also provide gifts, food, cards, and meals in times of grief, sickness, and crisis.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Yes. The Pastor provides counselling to members and Women in Action Committee along with other organizations provide gifts, cards, and meals in times of grief, illness, and crisis.

III. Outreach and Witness

A. How is your church reaching out in service to the community and the world?

Kinards (274734): Kinard is reaching out in service to the community by providing meals and support to schools, families, and other agencies.

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Mt Lebanon (274756): Our church is reaching out in service to the community and the world by providing food and supplies to Greenwood Pathway, volunteering and serving meals to Habitat for Humanity, Greenwood United Ministries, and schools.

The number of persons from your church serving in mission/community ministries reported in your church's last year-end Statistical Tables.

Kinards (274734): 20

Mt Lebanon (274756): 8

- B. How has your church engaged in ministry with children, youth, and young adults beyond your local church this year (i.e. Scouts, Child Care, Basketball League, school partnerships, dialogues, etc.)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church?

Kinards (274734): Kinard has engaged in ministry with children and youth through Vacation Bible School, Trunk-or-Treat, and in providing meals, support, and devotion for area schools and other agencies.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Yes. We have engaged in ministry with children and youth through Vacation Bible School, Trunk-or-Treat, and Back-to-School giveaways. Our mission and ministry was impacted tremendously by their presence.

- C. Has your church engaged in ministry with other United Methodist Churches, with ecumenical partners, and in cross racial/cultural experiences (i.e. pulpit or choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogues, etc.)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church?

Kinards (274734): Yes, Kinard has engaged in pulpit exchanges with other United Methodist Churches, and ecumenical partners such as Ninety Six Ministerial Alliance. Our church is now engaged in a cross-racial ministry context and Epworth Camp meetings and services. These experiences have resulted in our intentionality to become more diverse and unified in our missions and ministry.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Yes. Our church is now engaged in a cross/cultural experience, pulpit exchanges with other United Methodist Churches, and ecumenical partners such as the Ninety Six Ministerial Alliance. These experiences have resulted in our intentionality to obtain diversity and unity in mission and ministry.

IV. Submit the following:

- A. Report of the Church Council (Oral composite report plus any other written reports such as UMW, UMM, UMYF)
- B. Report of the Pastor (State of the Church. ¶ 340 BOD 2016, Continuing Education Report)
- C. Reports of other clergy and applicable Continuing Education Reports (all categories)
- D. Report of Trustees
- E. *Report of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development - print copies for members of Charge Conference
 - PPRC Roster
 - Lay Member to 2023 Annual Conference - do not print; submit names online
 - Official Roll and Attendance Record for 2023 - print copies for District Superintendent and Secretary for keeping roll at Council meetings
- F. *Recommended Ministerial Support
- G. Accountable Reimbursement Policy

- H. 2023 Budget
I. Treasurer's Report
J. Report of the Committee on Finance
K. Parsonage Report
L. Report of Local Church(es) Safe Sanctuary Policy (Attach copies)
M. Epworth Children's Home Local Church Representative - do not print; submit name on Nominations and Leadership Report
N. Conference or District Nominations form - do not print; submit names online
O. 2022-23 High School Junior and Senior List and current college students (¶ 232 BOD 2016) - do not print, submit names online
P. Local Church Policy on Sexual Misconduct (Attach copy, see sample here: [Sample-Local-Church-Policy-Statement-on-Misconduct-of-a-Sexual-Nature-2016.pdf](#) (umcsc.org))

*Vote required at charge conference

V. Personnel

1. Who are recommended by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee: (*vote, *v 2/3 = two thirds vote)
 - A. as candidates for ordained ministry (¶¶ 258.2(g)9, 310.1(e)) (*v 2/3)?
 - B. for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (¶¶ 258.2(g)9, 310.1(e)) (*v)?
2. List the names of the persons the church has given to the United Methodist Ministry?
Peter Antoine Tim Jones
3. Who are recommended as Local Church Lay Servants (¶ 266) (*v)?
 - A. New:
 - B. Renewed:
4. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Servants (¶ 266) (*v)?
 - A. New:
 - B. Recertified:
5. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Speakers (¶ 267) (*v)?
 - A. New:
 - B. Recertified:
6. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Ministers (¶ 268) (*v)?
 - A. New:
 - B. Recertified:

VI. Stewardship

One way the local church participates in the world wide mission of the church is through apportionments (¶ 247.14).

A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2021? 100%

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What do you expect to pay in 2022? 100%

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes

If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No

D. Has a 2021 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes

Mt Lebanon (274756)

A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2021? 100%

What do you expect to pay in 2022? 100%

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes

If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No

D. Has a 2021 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes



Presiding Elder or District Superintendent



Secretary

Report of Pastor 2022

The report of the pastor in charge shall include the names of all persons involved in the changes in membership and other items outlined in the 2016 Book of Discipline (§§ 234, 340). This report should cover as fully as possible the work of the pastor. Care should be taken not to duplicate the reports of the Church Council, committees, organizations, and officers of the charge.

Copies of this report should be filed with the recording secretary, pastor, district superintendent, and chairperson of witness or evangelism ministries.

Church <u>Mt Lebanon 274756</u>	Charge <u>MT LEBANON - KINARDS 274756</u>
District <u>Greenwood District</u>	Conference <u>South Carolina Conference</u>
For the period beginning 09/16/2021 and ending 10/26/2022.	

1. List those who have been received into baptized membership since last report (Record names and dates).

- a. Infants baptized since last report

Name	Date
None	

- b. All others: children, youth, and adults baptized since last report.

Name	Date
None	

2. List those who have been received into professing membership since the last report (Record names and dates).

- a. On profession of faith or restored

Name	Date
None	

- b. From other United Methodist churches.

Name	Date
Andrew Ross	10/20/2021
Sherri Ross	10/20/2021

- c. From other non-United Methodist churches.

Name	Date
Caroline Ross	05/19/2022

3. List those who have been removed from the professing membership since last report (Record names and dates).

- a. By action of the Charge Conference, or trial court, or withdrawal

Name	Date
None	

- b. By transfer to other United Methodist churches.

Name	Date
None	

- c. By transfer to other non-United Methodist churches.

Name	Date
None	

d. By death.

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Name	Date
Carroll Etheridge	10/23/2021
Jack "Pete" Cleveland	12/10/2021
Debra Marshall	02/01/2022
Kathey Cleveland	05/19/2022

4. Have the membership rolls been audited? Yes

a. If not, why not?

b. Who has moved from your community since the last Charge Conference?

None

c. What has been done to relate them to another church?

None

5. The pastor shall give a report on the State of the Church (Please do not duplicate report of the Church Council or other committees. Only the highlights, from the pastor's perspective, the major issues or events related to the health of the church). (Attach as a supplement.)

6. The Pastor shall give an account of pastoral ministry as it relates to (§ 340): Elders, provisional elders, and local pastors have a fourfold ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service. Please describe how you have fulfilled your calling this year in the following ways: (Attach as a supplement.)

a. Preach and teach the Word.

b. Provide pastoral care and counsel.

c. Administer the sacraments.

d. Order the life of the church for service in mission and ministry.

e. Include as a part of the report a statement outlining the pastor's program of continuing education and spiritual growth for the past year and plans for the year to come (§ 351).

Signed

Arthur L. Gamble

Printed Name

Arthur L. Gamble

Date

10/19/2022

State of the Church

Mt. Lebanon UMC October 25, 2022

Mt Lebanon is in the suburban area of Greenwood, South Carolina, and the members are loving and caring and welcomes all to be in ministry with them. Although Mt. Lebanon has a small membership, we have a large heart for God and neighbor, support the community and schools, and are intentional in mission ministry. Mt. Lebanon seeks to invite individuals from various social statuses, educational backgrounds, and ethnicity into this family of God. We strive diligently to bring the ministry of Jesus Christ to our members and community through social media, Facebook, house and hospital visits, and phone calls. Mt. Lebanon is revamping its ministerial outreach to reach new people and connect with our community during this post-pandemic era. The members of Mt. Lebanon and the Pastor seek new means and avenues of ministry that engage and join us in church with our community. We believe that our best days are ahead of us as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I am by the help of the Holy Spirit preaching and teaching the Word of God, providing support and training to members, administering the Sacraments, and making home and hospital visits while giving pastoral leadership. I engage in ecumenical ministry with other churches and denominations through the Ninety-Six Ministerial Alliance, school devotions, and other community agencies. I am encouraging the congregation to love God and their neighbor. I provide a weekly prayer to all members and community members by phone using the Dial-my-Calls. Com program. I continue to study, read, and pray daily for God's help on this ministerial and pastoral journey. I am currently in the candidacy of Provisional Elder and request your prayers. I pray that Mt. Lebanon continues to be the catalyst for a unified and diversified church ministry that will influence our community and world through the name of Jesus Christ. Mt.

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Lebanon is where we love God and others and serve the world. Zenovia and I have been encouraged and appreciative of the support and prayer we received from the Mt. Lebanon family. May God continue to bless and keep you in God's will.

State of the Church

Mt. Lebanon UMC September 26, 2023

Mt Lebanon is in the suburban area of Greenwood, South Carolina, and the members are loving and caring and welcome all to be in ministry with them. Although Mt. Lebanon has a small membership, we have a large heart for God and neighbor, support the community and schools, and are intentional in mission ministry. Mt. Lebanon seeks to invite individuals from various social statuses, educational backgrounds, and ethnicities into this family of God as we struggle with post-pandemic issues, sickness, and membership decline. We strive diligently to bring the ministry of Jesus Christ to our members and community through social media, Facebook, house and hospital visits, and phone calls. Mt. Lebanon is revamping its ministerial outreach to reach new people and connect with our community.

The members of Mt. Lebanon and the Pastor seek new means and avenues of ministry that engage and join us in ministry with our community. We are planning an outdoor worship service and implementing ideas for community engagement through our Future of Mt. Lebanon Focus Group. We believe that our best days are ahead of us as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Mt. Lebanon has entered the Local Church Discernment Process as a “faithful step forward” as they prayerfully pursue the decision to separate from The United Methodist Church.

I am by the help of the Holy Spirit preaching and teaching the Word of God, providing support and training to members, administering the Sacraments, and making home and hospital visits while giving pastoral leadership. I engage in ecumenical ministry with other churches and

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denominations through the Ninety-Six Ministerial Alliance, school devotions, and other community agencies. I am encouraging the congregation to love God and their neighbor.

I pray weekly to all members and community members by phone using the Dial-my-Calls Com program. I continue to study, read, and pray daily for God's help on this ministerial and pastoral journey. I have been commissioned as a Provisional Elder and am currently involved in a residency curriculum that extends theological education. Monthly, I report to my covenant group for mentoring to support the practice and work of my ministry as a servant leader.

I pray that Mt. Lebanon continues to catalyze a unified and diversified church ministry that will influence our community and world through Jesus Christ. Mt. Lebanon is where we love God and others and serve the world. Zenovia and I have been encouraged and appreciative of the support and prayer we received from the Mt. Lebanon family. May God continue to bless and keep you in God's will.

Mt Lebanon (274756) on the MT LEBANON - KINARDS CHARGE (274756) in the Greenwood District

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Add/Edit Minutes Church

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I. Mission

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Achieving a bold mission requires setting intentional goals. Please be prepared to dialogue about the following questions at Charge Conference. If your church doesn't have formal goal, then discuss programs/ministries that fulfill the mission of the church.

A. What were your key goals for making and nurturing disciples for this past year?

Our key goals for making and nurturing disciples were Our 4 Priorities; Developing lay and clergy leaders, Engaging our communities, connecting with & growing disciples, and measuring current realities and evaluating missional possibilities.

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B. How are you making progress towards reaching the goals stated above?

We are making progress by committing ourselves to intentionally pursue these goals through the power of the Holy Spirit by invitation, events, and evangelism outreach.

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C. Among these goals, what are you most excited about?

We are most excited about engaging our communities and measuring current realities while evaluating missional possibilities.

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D. Church Vitality

While numbers are not the only factor of vitality, they are helpful in providing clarity of our church's present reality. Below is the reported data from your church's last two year-end Statistical Tables.

Year	Avg. Worship Attendance	Total Professing Members	Avg. Sunday School Attendance	Total Number of People in Christian Formation Groups	Rec'd on Profession of Faith Through Confirmation	Rec'd on Profession of Faith (not in Confirmation)
2022	25	91	10	24		
2021	25	94	11	25	0	0

E. Tools for Planning

What is your church's specific plan to reach new people for Jesus Christ? What tools are you using to foster growth (i.e. Forward Focus, Natural Church Development, SHIFT, Ken Callahan's "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church", etc.)?

Our specific plan to reach new people consist of invitation, social media such as Facebook, Dialmycall mid-week prayer. We are using "Our 4 Priorities" initiatives.

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II. Nurture

A. Does your church have a visitation program? Please describe.

Yes. Pastor, members, and Women in Action makes home, hospital, and rehab visits monthly. Members are sent cards of appreciation on their birthday and wedding anniversary yearly.

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B. Does your church have a congregational care program (i.e. Stephen's Ministry, divorce care, counseling center, grief group, etc.)? Please describe.

Pastor and church leaders provide care to and for congregation during grief and crisis.

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III. Outreach and Witness

A. How is your church reaching out in service to the community and the world?

Our church is reaching out in service to the community and the world by providing food, supplies, and Christian literature to Greenwood Pathway House, volunteering and serving meals Habitat for Humanity, Greater Greenwood United Ministries, schools and other agencies.

The number of persons from your church serving in mission/community ministries reported in your church's last year-end Statistical Tables.

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B. How has your church engaged in ministry with children, youth, and young adults beyond you local church this year (i.e. Scouts, Child Care, Basketball League, school partnerships, dialogues, etc.)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church?

We have engaged in ministry with children and youth through Vacation Bible School, meals and devotions for Salkehatchie Camp and Habitat for Humanity summer college student.

C. Has your church engaged in ministry with other United Methodist Churches, with ecumenical partners, and in cross racial/cultural experiences (i.e. pulpit or choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogues, etc.)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church?

Yes. We have engaged in ministry with Cambridge UMC, St. Paul UMC, and other UM Churches in Greenwood District. We also hosted the community Thanksgiving Service with the various churches of the Ninety Six Ministerial Assoc. and is presently engaged in a cross/racial ministry context. These

VI. Stewardship

A. What percentage of apportionments were paid in 2022?

100%

What do you expect to pay in 2023?

100%

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiven Plan?

☐ Yes ☒ No

D. Has a 2022 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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The Charge Conference for the MT LEBANON - KINARDS CHARGE (274756) of the Greenwood District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held. The Charge Conference for the MT LEBANON - KINARDS CHARGE (274756) of the Greenwood District of the South Carolina Annual Conference was held September 26, 2023 at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church chaired by Rev. Stephen Love. A devotional service was conducted by Rev. Stephen LOVE.

I. Mission

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Achieving a bold mission requires setting intentional goals. Please be prepared to dialogue about the following questions at Charge Conference. If your church doesn't have formal goal, then discuss programs/ministries that fulfill the mission of the church.

A. What were your key goals for making and nurturing disciples for this past year?

Kinards (274734): Our key goals for making and nurturing disciples were our 4 Priorities; Developing lay and clergy leaders, engaging our communities, connecting with & growing disciples, measuring current realities and evaluating missional possibilities.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Our key goals for making and nurturing disciples were Our 4 Priorities; Developing lay and clergy leaders, Engaging our communities, connecting with & growing disciples, and measuring current realities and evaluating missional possibilities.

B. How are you making progress towards reaching the goals stated above?

Kinards (274734): We are making progress by being consistent and intentional in pursuing these goals. Progress seems a bit slow at times but we are determine to trust God.

Mt Lebanon (274756): We are making progress by committing ourselves to intentionally pursue these goals through the power of the Holy Spirit by invitation, events, and evangelism outreach.

C. Among these goals, what are you most excited about?

Kinards (274734): We are most excited about engaging our communities and measuring current realities while evaluating missional possibilities.

Mt Lebanon (274756): We are most excited about engaging our communities and measuring current realities while evaluating missional possibilities.

D. Church Vitality

While numbers are not the only factor of vitality, they are helpful in providing clarity of our church's present reality. Below is the reported data from your church's last two year-end Statistical Tables.

Church	Year	Avg. Worship Attendance	Total Professing Members	Avg. Sunday School Attendance	Total Number of People in Christian Formation Groups	Received on Profession of Faith Through Confirmation	Received on Profession of Faith (not in Confirmation)
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Kinards (274734)	2022	28	40	5	32		2023
	2021	27	40	5	38	0	0
Mt Lebanon (274756)	2022	25	91	10	24		
	2021	25	94	11	25	0	0

E. Tools for Planning

What is your church's specific plan to reach new people for Jesus Christ? What tools are you using to foster growth (i.e. Forward Focus, Natural Church Development, SHIFT, Ken Callahan's "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church", etc.)?

Kinards (274734): Our specific plans for reaching new people consist of worship invitation, social media such as Facebook, and dialmy calls mid-week prayer. We are using "Our 4 Priorities" initiative.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Our specific plan to reach new people consist of invitation, social media such as Facebook, Dialmycall mid-week prayer. We are using "Our 4 Priorities" initiatives.

II. Nurture

A. Does your church have a visitation program? Please describe.

Kinards (274734): Yes. Pastoral visits are made by pastor to homes, hospital,, and rehab/nursing facilities.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Yes. Pastor, members, and Women in Action makes home, hospital, and rehab visits monthly. Members are sent cards of appreciation on their birthday and wedding anniversary yearly.

B. Does your church have a congregational care program (i.e. Stephen's Ministry, divorce care, counseling center, grief group, etc.)? Please describe.

Kinards (274734): Yes. Pastor provides pastoral care and counseling for members during times of bereavement and crisis. Members provide prayer blankets to community for those who are sick.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Pastor and church leaders provide care to and for congregation during grief and crisis.

III. Outreach and Witness

A. How is your church reaching out in service to the community and the world?

Kinards (274734): Our church is reaching out in service to the community and the world by providing meals, supplies, and finance to Greenwood Pathway House, Epworth Camp, and various schools.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Our church is reaching out in service to the community and the world by providing food, supplies, and Christian literature to Greenwood Pathway House, volunteering and serving meals Habitat for Humanity, Greater Greenwood United Ministries,

The number of persons from your church serving in mission/community ministries reported in your church's last year-end Statistical Tables.

Kinards (274734): 20

Mt Lebanon (274756): 10

- B. How has your church engaged in ministry with children, youth, and young adults beyond your local church this year (i.e. Scouts, Child Care, Basketball League, school partnerships, dialogues, etc.)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church?

Kinards (274734): We have engaged in ministry with children, youth, and young adult through Vacation Bible School, Ninety Six High School devotions and meal and through the adoption of Foster family(five siblings) for Christmas. Our mission and ministry was impacted tremendously by their presence and our participation.

Mt Lebanon (274756): We have engaged in ministry with children and youth through Vacation Bible School, meals and devotions for Salkehatchie Camp and Habitat for Humanity summer college student.

- C. Has your church engaged in ministry with other United Methodist Churches, with ecumenical partners, and in cross racial/cultural experiences (i.e. pulpit or choir exchanges, joint projects, dialogues, etc.)? How did these experiences impact the mission and ministry of your church?

Kinards (274734): Yes. We have engaged in ministry with various United Methodist Churches, and ecumenical partners such as Ninety Six Ministerial Assoc., and Epworth Camp meetings and services. We are currently in a cross/racial ministry context. These experiences has caused us to be intentional about pursuing diversity and unity in our church's mission and ministry.

Mt Lebanon (274756): Yes. We have engaged in ministry with Cambridge UMC, St. Paul UMC, and other UM Churches in Greenwood District. We also hosted the community Thanksgiving Service with the various churches of the Ninety Six Ministerial Assoc. and is presently engaged in a cross/racial ministry context. These experiences have caused us to be intentional about become more diverse and unified in our missions and ministry.

IV. Submit the following:

- A. Report of the Church Council (Oral composite report plus any other written reports such as UMW, UMM, UMYF)
- B. Report of the Pastor (State of the Church. ¶ 340 BOD 2016, Continuing Education Report)
- C. Reports of other clergy and applicable Continuing Education Reports (all categories)
- D. Report of Trustees
- E. *Report of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development - print copies for members of Charge Conference
 - PPRC Roster
 - Lay Member to 2024 Annual Conference - do not print; submit names online
 - Official Roll and Attendance Record for 2024 - print copies for District Superintendent and Secretary for keeping roll at Council meetings
- F. *Recommended Ministerial Support
- G. Accountable Reimbursement Policy
- H. 2024 Budget

- I. Treasurer's Report
J. Report of the Committee on Finance
K. Parsonage Report
L. Report of Local Church(es) Safe Sanctuary Policy (Attach copies)
M. Epworth Children's Home Local Church Representative - do not print; submit name on Nominations and Leadership Report
N. Conference or District Nominations form - do not print; submit names online
O. 2023-24 High School Junior and Senior List and current college students (¶ 232 BOD 2016) - do not print, submit names online
P. Local Church Policy on Sexual Misconduct (Attach copy, see sample here: [Sample-Local-Church-Policy-Statement-on-Misconduct-of-a-Sexual-Nature-2016.pdf \(umcsc.org\)](#))

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*Vote required at charge conference

V. Personnel

1. Who are recommended by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee: (*vote, *v 2/3 = two thirds vote)
 - A. as candidates for ordained ministry (¶¶ 258.2(g)9, 310.1(e)) (*v 2/3)?
 - B. for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (¶¶ 258.2(g)9, 310.1(e)) (*v)?
2. List the names of the persons the church has given to the United Methodist Ministry?
Peter Antoine Tim Jones
3. Who are recommended as Local Church Lay Servants (¶ 266) (*v)?
 - A. New:
 - B. Renewed:
4. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Servants (¶ 266) (*v)?
 - A. New:
 - B. Recertified:
5. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Speakers (¶ 267) (*v)?
 - A. New:
 - B. Recertified:
6. Who are recommended as Certified Lay Ministers (¶ 268) (*v)?
 - A. New:
 - B. Recertified:

VI. Stewardship

One way the local church participates in the world wide mission of the church is through apportionments (¶ 247.14).

Kinards (274734)

A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2022? 100%

What do you expect to pay in 2023? 100%

B. If you are not paying 100% of your apportionments, please explain why, and what are your plans to move toward 100% payment?

C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes

If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

2023

Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No

D. Has a 2022 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes

Mt Lebanon (274756)

A. What percent of apportionments were paid in 2022? 100%

What do you expect to pay in 2023? 100%

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C. Are you up to date on Direct Billing? Yes

If not, what is your current balance and plan to address it?

Do you plan to enroll in the Conference Forgiveness Plan? No

D. Has a 2022 Audit been completed and report submitted to the District Office? Yes


Presiding Elder or District Superintendent


Secretary

Exempt
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENWOOD

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Individual

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TAX # 143-00-07-001
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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that L. B. ADAMS, JR. (hereinafter called

"Grantor") for and in consideration of the sum of TEN AND NO/100 (\$10.00) DOLLARS and AS A GIFT, to the Grantor in hand paid at and before the sealing of these presents by MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC. of Ninety Six, SC (hereinafter called "Grantee") in the State aforesaid, (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) has granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the Grantee, his heirs, successors and assigns:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, containing 2.732 net acres, situate, lying and being on Mt. Lebanon Church Road, in the County of Greenwood, State of South Carolina, and being shown and designated on a plat by John H. Welborn, S.C.P.L.S., dated April 25, 1997, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Greenwood County in Plat Book 108, at Page 87, which said plat is incorporated herein by reference. According to said plat, the within parcel contains 2.732 net acres, fronts along Mt. Lebanon Church Road for a distance of 119.70 feet, and is bounded as follows: On the Northwest by property now or formerly of Mt. Lebanon Church, on the Southwest and Southeast by property now or formerly of L. B. Adams, Jr., and on the Northeast by Mt. Lebanon Church Road.

This being the identical property conveyed to L. B. Adams, Jr. by deed of Adams Limited Partnership, dated August 6, 1997, recorded in Deed Book 489, at Page 205, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Greenwood County.

Grantee's Mailing Address: 104 Lebanon Church Rd
Greenwood SC 29646

This conveyance is made subject to easements and restrictions of record and otherwise affecting the property.

TOGETHER with all and singular the Rights, Members, Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the said Premises belonging, or in anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and Singular the said Premises before mentioned unto the said Grantee, his Heirs, Successors and Assigns forever.

And the Grantor does hereby bind himself and his heirs, successors and assigns, to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said Grantee, his Heirs, Successors and Assigns against him and his heirs, successors and assigns, and any person whomsoever lawfully claiming, or to claim the same, or any part thereof.

Any reference in this instrument to the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa. Any reference to one gender shall include the others, including the neuter. Such words of inheritance shall be applicable as are required by the gender of the Grantee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has hereunto set his hand and seal.

DATE: 6th DAY OF August, 19 97

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Melissa Taylor
Clair M. Lester

L. B. Adams, Jr.
L. B. Adams, Jr.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF GREENWOOD) PROBATE

PERSONALLY appeared before me the undersigned witness who, being first duly sworn, says that (s)he saw the within-named Grantor sign, seal, and deliver the within Deed; and that (s)he with the other witness whose signature appears above, witnessed the execution thereof.

Melissa Taylor
witness

SWORN to before me this 6th
day of August, 19 97.

Clair M. Lester
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
My Commission Expires: 12-12-2006

Deed prepared by Burns, McDonald, Ruff
Bradford, Patrick and Tinsley

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENWOOD

L. B. Adams, Jr.

GRANTOR

TO
Mt. Lebanon United Methodist
Church, Inc.

GRANTEE
704 Chiquapin Road, Greenwood SC 29646

DEED
(INDIVIDUAL)

Filed this 11 day of
August 19 97
at 10 o'clock A.M.
and recorded in Deed Book 477
at page 207

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that ADAMS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

(hereinafter called "Grantor") for and in consideration of the sum of TEN AND NO/100 (\$10.00) DOLLARS and other valuable consideration, to the Grantor in hand paid at and before the sealing of these presents by

L. B. ADAMS, JR. of Greenwood, SC (hereinafter called "Grantee") in the State aforesaid, (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) has granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the Grantee, his heirs, successors and assigns:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, containing 2.732 net acres, situate, lying and being on Mt. Lebanon Church Road, in the County of Greenwood, State of South Carolina, and being shown and designated on a plat by John H. Welborn, S.C.P.L.S., dated April 25, 1997, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Greenwood County in Plat Book 003, at Page 82, which said plat is incorporated herein by reference. According to said plat, the within parcel contains 2.732 net acres, fronts along Mt. Lebanon Church Road for a distance of 119.70 feet, and is bounded as follows: On the Northwest by property now or formerly of Mt. Lebanon Church, on the Southwest and Southeast by property now or formerly of L. B. Adams, Jr., and on the Northeast by Mt. Lebanon Church Road.

This being a portion of the property conveyed to Adams Limited Partnership by deed of L. B. Adams, Jr., dated December 29, 1994, recorded in Deed Book 404, at Page 198 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Greenwood County.

Grantee's Mailing Address: 704 Chinquapin Road, Greenwood SC 29646

This conveyance is made subject to easements and restrictions of record and otherwise affecting the property.

TOGETHER with all and singular the Rights, Members, Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the said Premises belonging, or in anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and Singular the said Premises before mentioned unto the said Grantee, his Heirs, Successors and Assigns forever.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has hereunto set his hand and seal.

DATE: 6th DAY OF August, 19 97

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SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Melissa Taylor
Ernie M. Lester

ADAMS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
BY: [Signature]
Its Managing Partner

Margaret H. Adams

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF GREENWOOD)

PROBATE

PERSONALLY appeared before me the undersigned witness who, being first duly sworn, says that (s)he saw the within-named Grantor sign, seal, and deliver the within Deed; and that (s)he with the other witness whose signature appears above, witnessed the execution thereof.

Melissa Taylor
witness

SWORN to before me this 6th
day of August, 19 97.

Ernie M. Lester
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
My Commission Expires: 12-12-2006

Deed prepared by Burns, McDonald,
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENWOOD

ADAMS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

GRANTOR

TO
L. B. ADAMS, JR.

GRANTEE
704 Chiquapin Road, Greenwood SC 29646

DEED

(INDIVIDUAL)

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[Signature]
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